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Hodgins, W. E.

[Adjutant-General, Dept. of Militia & Defence, Ottawa]

March - May 1916
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March 29th, 1916

Major General Hodgins,

Adjutant-General,

Department of Militia and Defence, Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of March 11th in which you were good enough to send me the decision of the Department with regard to Commissions in the Army for qualified members of our medical staff I have to say that I regret that the Department has been unable to grant the request of the University. We are now face to face with one of the difficulties which it was part of my object in going to Ottawa to forestall- To-day Dr. Shenstone, a member of our staff in Surgery and of the Toronto General Hospital, came to inform me that he is leaving to-night under instructions of the Militia Department to take service in the Ontario Hospital at Orpington, Kent. The first notice that the University had of this appointment was in yesterday's paper. As I informed the Minister of Militia in Ottawa the University has already sent so many of its staff to the front and has undertaken so many duties for the Militia Department that our medical staff is reduced almost to the minimum and we have promised the Militia Department at their request to provide a fifth year for students beginning May first in order that they may be ready for active service in December. There are many of our staff who are qualified for service and who are eager to go to the front. If these gentlemen by appealing

to the local A.D.M.S. are recommended to Ottawa for an appointment and this appointment is made without any notification being made to the University we shall find ourselves in an extremely difficult position. I was under the impression from our conversation in Ottawa that the Militia Department would consult the University before making these appointments. Is it too much to hope that you will instruct the A.D.M.S. of this division to consult with the University authorities first before making any recommendation to you for appointment of men who are on our University staff ?

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 30th, 1916

Major General W. E. Hodgins,

A.G.

Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa.

Sir:

I have to thank you for the copies of correspondence in connection with the gift of Tetanus Antitoxin made by the Militia Department to the Army Council. I am gratified to know that the gift has been accepted by the Council with appreciation and thanks. It will be a matter of great gratification both to our Governors and to our Department of Hygiene to know that the work that the University has undertaken for you in this matter has been successful.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Address reply to
THE SECRETARY,
MILITIA COUNCIL,
Headquarters,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

And quote number
H.Q. 74-4-3.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,

OTTAWA, 15th May, 1916.

PERSONAL.

From-
The Adjutant-General,
Canadian Militia.

To-
President Falconer, C.M.G.,
President, Toronto University,
Toronto, Ont.

Board of Visitors.
Royal Military College, Kingston.

Sir,-

I have the honour to inform you that you have been appointed a Member of the Board of Visitors of the Royal Military College at Kingston for the year 1916, and to express the hope that you will find it possible to act as a Member of such Board.

The Board will assemble at the Royal Military College, Kingston, on Friday, 26th instant, at 3 P.M., and subsequently on the following day at 10 A.M.

A copy of the report of the Board of Visitors for last year will be found, as Appendix G., pages 38 and following of the Report of the Militia Council enclosed herewith.

You will also find enclosed a copy of the Regulations of the College, and of the Syllabus of Studies.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

W. B. Hodgins

Major General.
A/Adjutant-General.

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May 19th, 1916

Major-General W. F. Hodgins,

Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge with many thanks your letter, H.Q. 74-4-8, informing me that I have been appointed a member of the Board of Visitors for the Royal Military College at Kingston for the year 1916. I have to thank you also for the copy of the report which you forwarded at the same time, as well as of the regulations of the College and Syllabus of Studies. I have much pleasure in accepting the honour and I will do my best to fulfil the duties connected with it, though I am afraid that it will be impossible for me to go to Kingston on Friday, May 26th, inasmuch as at this time of the year my other university duties require all my time. If there is anything I can do by correspondence I shall be glad to give what attention I may to any subject submitted to me, but I hope to be able to attend future meetings of the Board.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.